

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

December 10, 2012

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting, Open to the Public, of the Board of Education for the Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Monday, December 10, 2012, in the Rochester Community Schools Administration Center, 501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan. President Jennifer Berwick called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Berwick administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Michael Zabat. Mr. Zabat recited the Oath of Office as follows: *I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of this State, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education of the Rochester Community School District according to the best of my ability.*

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jennifer Berwick, Beth Talbert, Chuck Coutteau, Lisa Nowak, Jane Pierobon, Pat Piskulich, Michael Zabat

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Tresa Zumsteg, Geri Moore, Dan Romzek, Beth Davis, Debbi Hartman, John Stoner, Jeff Mozdierz, Anne Evans, Irene Larson, Debi Fragomeni, Dave Harwell, Lori Hartnell, Mary Beth Garcia, Ryan Starr, Dan Mooney, Dave Pontzious, Amy Grande, Sharon Bienkowski, Susan Demeniuk, April Wuest, Theresa DiMaria, Cheryl Gambaro, Eric Williams, Victoria Righter, Amy Schuster, Doug Hill, Christine Keener and approximately 40 visitors.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT – Hampton Elementary, Common Core Pilot Presentation

Students and staff from Hampton Elementary presented information on the Common Core Pilot as it relates to writing. Hampton Elementary students from each grade shared stories they wrote.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mr. Coutteau shared the following communications that the Board of Education received since the prior meeting: Brian Korson regarding the district calendar; Brian Fitzpatrick regarding endorsement of any individual for the open board position; Mike Reno regarding appropriate use of the schools' email systems; Michelle Buelstel regarding legislation advocacy; Carolyn Claerhout regarding legislation advocacy; Julie Alspach congratulating the Adambots team in being honored with the OCCRA Foundation award; Julie Cadman regarding students' confidential medical and personal information being kept confidential; and Lori Pasko regarding the schools being approached by drilling companies for potential drilling sites on school property.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda – Mr. Habeeb Syed was not in attendance.

C. Student Representatives to the Board of Education

Will Sheehy, student representative from Stoney Creek High School, shared activities taking place since the previous meeting.

Monica Williamson, student representative from Rochester High School, shared activities taking place since the previous meeting.

D. Members of the Board of Education

Mrs. Talbert shared a communication she received from Wendi Santavicca regarding two teachers winning state awards and the District Honor Roll award presented to the district by the AP organization.

Mrs. Berwick received the annual report from RAYA Board of Directors.

SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS – District Art Teachers

Amy King introduced the district K-5 art teachers who worked on a collaborative art project during professional development. The artwork will be donated to the Harrison Room.

REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Update (Informational Item) Dr. Zumsteg

Dr. Zumsteg shared information about a meeting with Rochester College to discuss early college and student teacher mentoring opportunities. She also shared information about the District Honor Roll award presented to the district by the AP organization. This is the third year the district has received this award. Not only has the district performed well on the AP test, but the district has also made progress in closing the achievement gap. Finally, Dr. Zumsteg announced that two students from Stoney Creek High School have been recognized by the North American International Auto Show Poster Contest, Stephen Sinacori took third place in the senior division and Morgan Barrow won the Chairman's award.

B. Human Resources Recommendations (Action Item) Ms. Davis

Ms. Davis, Executive Director of Human Resources, presented the following recommendations:

NEW TEACHER HIRES

Rita Peter, English Language Learner Teacher, Hampton Elementary School
Jodi Taylor, Emotionally Impaired Classroom Teacher, West Middle School

RETIREMENTS

Mrs. Geraldine K. Roberts-Moore, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
Ms. MaryBeth Garcia, Purchasing Supervisor

A motion was made to approve the Human Resources Recommendations as presented.

Moved by: Mr. Piskulich
Supported by: Mr. Coutteau
Vote: 7-0

Mr. Romzek thanked Ms. Garcia for her dedication and hard work as the district's Purchasing Agent and wished her well on her retirement.

Dr. Zumsteg thanked Mrs. Moore for her years with the district, her contributions and her leadership. The principals shared a video they created to thank Mrs. Moore.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the following Consent Agenda items as presented:

- A. Current Bills Payable for October 20, 2012 thru November 16, 2012 in the amount of \$10,820,235.80.**
- B. The Head Start Director's Report for July, August and September 2012 and the Head Start Director's Report for October 2012.**
- C. The Resolution Authorizing the Summer Tax Levy for 2013.**
- D. The Resolution to approve required 403(b) Plan Amendments in accordance with recent IRS guidelines.**
- E. To recommend the purchase of Disaster Recovery Storage Hardware from CDW Computer Center, including AEPA contracted cooperative discounts, hardware, software, maintenance and service, in the amount of \$42,031.00.
Source of funding: General Fund**

Moved by: Ms. Nowak
Supported by: Mr. Piskulich
Vote: 7-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Board Policy 5530 – Drug Free School Zones (Action Item, Second Reading) Mrs. Moore**

A motion was made to remove the item from the table.

Moved by: Mrs. Talbert
Supported by: Mr. Coutteau

A motion was made to approve the second reading of the proposed Board Policy 5530 – Drug Free School Zones as presented at the Board of Education Regular Meeting / Study Session on November 19, 2012.

Moved by: Ms. Nowak
Supported by: Mrs. Talbert
Vote: 7-0

- B. Board Policy 5772 – Weapons Free School Zones (Action Item, Second Reading) Mrs. Moore**

A motion was made to remove the item from the table.

Moved by: Mrs. Pierobon
Supported by: Mr. Coutteau

A motion was made to approve the second reading of the proposed Board Policy 5772 – Weapons Free School Zones as presented at the Board of Education Regular Meeting / Study Session on November 19, 2012.

Moved by: Ms. Nowak
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon
Vote: 7-0

C. Board Policy 3120 – Selection and Employment of Professional Staff (Action Item, Second Reading) Ms. Davis

A motion was made to remove the item from the table.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau
Supported by: Mrs. Talbert

A motion was made to approve the second reading of the proposed Board Policy 3120 – Selection and Employment of Professional Staff as presented at the Board of Education Regular Meeting / Study Session on November 19, 2012.

Moved by: Ms. Nowak
Supported by: Mr. Coutteau
Vote: 7-0

D. Board Policy 4120 – Selection and Employment of Support Staff (Action Item, Second Reading) Ms. Davis

A motion was made to remove the item from the table.

Moved by: Mr. Piskulich
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon

A motion was made to approve the second reading of the proposed Board Policy 4120 – Selection and Employment of Support Staff as presented at the Board of Education Regular Meeting / Study Session on November 19, 2012.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau
Supported by: Mrs. Talbert
Vote: 7-0

E. Policy 5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (Action Item, Second Reading) Mr. Romzek

A motion was made to remove the item from the table.

Moved by: Mrs. Pierobon
Supported by: Mr. Piskulich

A motion was made to approve the second reading of the proposed revisions to Board Policy 5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students as presented at the Board of Education Special Meeting on December 3, 2012.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau
Supported by: Ms. Nowak
Vote: 7-0

F. Policy 5113 – Schools of Choice Program (Inter-District) (Action Item, Second Reading)
Mr. Romzek

A motion was made to remove the item from the table.

Moved by: Mr. Piskulich
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon

A motion was made to approve the second reading of the proposed new Board Policy 5113 – Schools of Choice Program (Inter-District) as presented at the Board of Education Special Meeting on December 3, 2012.

Moved by: Ms. Nowak
Supported by: Mr. Coutteau
Vote: 7-0

G. Policy 6146 – Post Issuance Compliance for Tax-Exempt and Tax-Advantaged Obligations
(Action Item, Second Reading) Mr. Romzek

A motion was made to remove the item from the table.

Moved by: Ms. Nowak
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon

A motion was made to approve the second reading of the proposed new Board Policy 6146 – Post Issuance Compliance for Tax-Exempt and Tax-Advantaged Obligations as presented at the Board of Education Special Meeting on December 3, 2012.

Moved by: Mrs. Talbert
Supported by: Mr. Coutteau
Vote: 7-0

H. Policy 6321 – School Construction and Renovations (Action Item, Second Reading) Mr. Romzek

A motion was made to remove the item from the table.

Moved by: Ms. Nowak
Supported by: Mr. Coutteau

A motion was made to approve the second reading of the proposed new Board Policy 6321 – School Construction and Renovations as presented at the Board of Education Special Meeting on December 3, 2012.

Moved by: Mrs. Talbert
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon
Vote: 7-0

NEW BUSINESS

A. The Resolution to Recommend the District purchase five (5) 77-Passenger General Education Busses, in cooperation with the MSBO Bus Purchasing Program, from Capital City International Trucks in the not to exceed amount of \$469,105.00. (Action Item, Mr. Romzek)

A motion was made to approve the Resolution to Recommend the District purchase five (5) 77-Passenger General Education Busses, in cooperation with the MSBO Bus Purchasing Program, from Capital City International Trucks in the not to exceed amount of \$469,105.00 as presented.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau
Supported by: Mr. Piskulich

Vote: 7-0

B. Board of Education Retreat Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2012 (Action item)

Mr. Coutteau was absent, with notice, from the Board of Education Retreat on October 26, 2012.

A motion was made to approve the Board of Education Retreat Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2012.

Moved by: Mrs. Pierobon
Supported by: Ms. Nowak
Abstentions: Mr. Coutteau and Mr. Zabat
Vote: 5-0

C. Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2012 (Action Item)

Mr. Piskulich was absent, with notice, from the Board of Education Regular Meeting on November 5, 2012.

A motion was made to approve the Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2012.

Moved by: Mrs. Talbert
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon
Abstentions: Mr. Piskulich and Mr. Zabat
Vote: 5-0

D. Board of Education Regular Meeting / Study Session Minutes of November 19, 2012 (Action Item)

Mr. Piskulich was absent with notice from the Board of Education Regular Meeting / Study Session on November 19, 2012.

A motion was made to approve the Board of Education Regular Meeting / Study Session Minutes of November 19, 2012.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau
Supported by: Ms. Nowak
Abstentions: Mr. Piskulich and Mr. Zabat
Vote: 5-0

E. Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2012 (Action Item)

A motion was made to approve the Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2012.

Moved by: Mr. Piskulich
Supported by: Mr. Coutteau
Abstentions: Mr. Zabat
Vote: 6-0

F. Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2012 (Action item)

Mr. Zabat was not a Board member at the Board of Education Special Meeting of December 5, 2012.

A motion was made to approve the Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2012.

Moved by: Mrs. Talbert
Supported by: Mr. Coutteau
Abstentions: Mr. Zabat
Vote: 6-0

G. Schools of Choice Resolution (Action Item) Dr. Zumsteg and Mr. Romzek

A motion was made to approve the recommendation for Adoption of Schools of Choice Resolution as presented.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau
Supported by: Mr. Piskulich
Vote: 7-0

H. Non-Union Employee Groups: Executive Assistants, School Age Care, and Preschool Programs employees, Directors and Executive Staff (Action Item) Dr. Zumsteg and Ms. Davis

A motion was made to approve recommended changes to the Employment Agreements between the Rochester Community Schools Board of Education and the Executive Assistants, School Age Care, and Preschool Programs employees as presented.

Moved by: Mr. Coutteau
Supported by: Ms. Nowak
Vote: 7-0

A motion was made to approve recommended changes to the Employment Agreements between the Rochester Community Schools Board of Education and the Directors and Executive Staff as presented.

Moved by: Mrs. Talbert
Supported by: Mr. Coutteau
Vote: 7-0

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting

Ellen Loren, parent, addressed the Board regarding traffic safety outside one of the districts' buildings.

B. Members of the Administration - None

C. Members of the Board of Education

Mr. Piskulich talked about attending the Brooklands Elementary Chili Cook off. Mrs. Talbert attended the University Hills Elementary choir concert. Mrs. Berwick attended the Rochester High School varsity basketball game.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming RCS Events

December 12, 2012 Board of Education Closed Meeting, Admin. Ctr., 7 p.m.
December 17, 2012 Board of Education Special Meeting, Admin. Ctr., 7 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Piskulich
Supported by: Mrs. Pierobon
Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Keener
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education